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18. COAL MINE. Constr details same as mine, pt 16. Number of miners and/or production figures unknown.

19. SRR LINE, RSG. Crushed stone ballast, rails bolted to wooden ties, spaced sixty (60) cm apart, good condition due to constant maintenance. One (1) m high earthen embankment. Heard from other prisoners that line was being double-tracked. Branched off SRR line, pt 21, and allegedly led to VORKUTA believed to be located approx seventy (70) km SE from junction with SRR line, pt 21. Heard that every forty (40) minutes one (1) freight train composed of thirty five (35) to forty (40) high side steel RR cars loaded with coal arrived from VORKUTA. Gondolas were four (4) axled, unloading chute on side, upon arriving at coal bunkers, cars were tilted to one side and coal was discharged through opened chutes, as S could once observe while leaving INTA area in Mar 53. Trains pulled by two (2) coal fired steam locomotives, wheel arrangement four (4) m long, six (6) m wide and four (4) m high, with tender; usually pushed snowploughs in front during the months of Dec to May. No other details.

20. PRISONER CAMP. Dimensions unknown, high barbed wire fence, guard towers, heavily guarded. All political prisoners, unknown whether German nationals or other foreigners. Worked in coal mines, pt 16, pt 17 and pt 18. Heard that it contained 4,000 internees. Three (3) km from RR station, pt 22.

21. SRR LINE, RSG. Crushed rock ballast, rails bolted to wooden ties, spaced sixty (60) cm apart, W of INTA creek, pt 26, on fifty (50) cm to one (1) m high earthen embankment. Telephone or telegraph masts on wooden poles on one (1) side. Led in SW direction to PECHORA (coordinates unknown), in NE direction terminated E of INTA. Fair condition, occasional maintenance, carried out by female prisoners. Extremely heavy traffic, mainly trains loaded with coal from INTA and VORKUTA in SW direction, trains arriving from PECHORA area loaded mainly with lumber for mines, constr materials, food stuffs and numerous other unidentified items, each train arriving from PECHORA area had one (1) refrigerator car attached. Two (2) passenger trains per day from VORKUTA to MOSKVA. Trains left INTA RR station at 1100 and 1700 hours daily. S heard from Russians that trains travelled for four (4) days to MOSKVA. Also two (2) trains from direction of PECHORA per day, hours of arrival unknown. Passenger trains composed of modern type streamlined locomotives, coal fired, wheel arrangement unknown, approx fifteen (15), four (4) axled modern type coaches, could be converted into sleepers, one (1) regular sleeping coach, one (1) second class coach. One (1) prison car with barred windows attached to each train. When S left INTA area on this line in Mar 53, travelled thirteen (13) days to LENINGRAD (5955N3015E) without major interruptions.

22. RR STATION. Single story wooden structure, twelve (12) m long, five (5) m wide and five (5) m high, low pitched wooden shingle roof, small wood framed windows on all sides, door on NW side. Not entered by S, no details. Eight (8) m from road, pt 12.

23. GASOLINE STORAGE AREA. Double line barbed wire fence, three (3) m high, surrounded area of 300 m long, 300 m wide, wooden guard towers at each corner, equipped with revolving searchlights, manned by Red Army guards armed with submachine guns. Observed from SRR line, pt 21, 200 m distant, had RR connection with this line. Several wooden sheds, dimensions unkn, three (3), four (4) cylindrical shaped metal containers, painted gray, horizontal positions on concrete foundations, no details on size or contents. Containers connected by unidentified number of strong metal pipelines. One (1) vertical metal container, also painted gray, approx ten (10) m high, diam unkn. Numerous metal drums, estimated 100 liter cap, stacked on top of each other. Unidentified number of motor tank cars and RR tank cars. No other details.

24. MILITARY COMPOUND. Area appr 500 m long, 500 m wide, surrounded by two and one half (2½) m high barbed wire fence, wooden truss guard towers at regular intervals, manned by Red Army soldiers. Thirty (30) m from road, pt 25. Gate on S side.

A. BILLETS. Single story red brick bldg, dimensions unkn, wooden shingle gable roof, small wood framed windows. Provided billets for unidentified number of Red Army troops.

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